President : No ; still, we generally allow some freedom.

Mr P. Padmanabhan Tampi : May I know whether anybody else was prepared to go to America for this purpose at his own expense?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai : I do not know ; I have not made enquiries about it.

The Demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai : Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant not exceeding Rs. 6,000 for the supply of salt at concessional rates to the fish curers.

There was an allotment, in the budget for the current year, of Rs. 10,000, for supply of salt to fish curers at concessional rate, of which Rs. 1,165 was diverted to another item, *viz.*, survey of the position of stake net sites in the backwaters of Ashtamudi and Vembanad. The weather conditions, so far, during this year, have been very favourable for catching fish. Therefore, there is nothing now left in the provision originally made. Unless an additional grant of at least Rs. 6,000 is provided under this item the poor fishermen will be put to great loss. So, I request the House to sanction this grant.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : May I ask whether the Government have considered the feasibility of allowing *bona fide* fishermen to manufacture salt for their purposes, as is done by the Government of India ?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai : I do not think Government have considered that question so far.

The demand was then put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND VI—LAND REVENUE.

President : Mr. George, who ought to move this grant, has been confined to bed. I have therefore permitted Mr. Kumara Pillai to move it.

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : Sir, I move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 3,000, under Demand VI—Land Revenue, for law charges in connection with the acquisition of lands for markets.

Government had already provided a sum of Rs. 7,500 in the budget for this year ; but that amount was exhausted during the first two months of the year. The Land Revenue Commissioner reports that the Quilon Division Peishkar has sent in a requisition for an additional grant of Rs. 1,000 to make payments to the

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[Mr. A. Kumara Pillai.]

parties in land acquisition cases before the Quilon District Court on account of compensation for sites acquired for markets. The Land Revenue Commissioner has further stated that no funds are available for diversion. He also expects similar demands from the other Division Peishkars under the same category in the course of the year.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Is the amount now asked for intended for a reserve fund to be paid to future demands to be made by the other Division Peishkars ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: No ; this amount is intended for paying off compensation as per Court Decrees.

I request the House to sanction the demand.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഈ ഡിമാൻഡിനെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു; എന്നാൽ ചന്തക്കരം നിർത്തൽചെയ്യേണ്ടതു് അത്യാവശ്യമാണു്. ൧൫,൦൦൦ രൂപയാണു ആ ഇനത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു കിട്ടുന്നതു്.

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: ചന്തക്കരം ഇതിനോടു സംബന്ധിച്ചതല്ല.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: മെമ്പർടെ അഭിപ്രായത്തോടു ഞാൻ യോജിക്കുന്നില്ല. ചന്തയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു സംസാരിക്കുമ്പോൾ ചന്ത സംബന്ധിച്ചു എന്തെല്ലാം വേണമെങ്കിലും സംസാരിക്കുന്നതിനു മറ്റാരുടേയും അഭിപ്രായം ആവശ്യമില്ല. ചന്തക്കരവും ഇതിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുന്നതാണു്. സാധുക്കളായ കർഷകന്മാരിൽനിന്നും ഭീമമായ തുക കണ്ടാക്കുന്മാർ അപഹരിക്കുന്നു. ഇതുകൊണ്ടുള്ള ആദായം ചുരുക്കം ചില വ്യക്തികൾക്കാണു്. ഈ ചന്തക്കരം ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും നിർത്തൽ ചെയ്താൽ സാധുക്കൾക്കു് അതുകൊണ്ടു വളരെ പ്രയോജനം സിദ്ധിക്കുന്നതാണു്. നിസ്സാരമായ ഏതെങ്കിലും സാധനം ഒരു ചന്തയിൽകൊണ്ടുപോയാൽ അതിനു കിട്ടുന്ന വിലയേക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ ചന്തക്കരം അവർ അവിടെ ചിലപ്പോൾ കൊടുക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. അതു വളരെ കഷ്ടമാണു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു അതിനെ നിർത്തൽചെയ്യണമെന്നുള്ള എൻറെ അഭിപ്രായത്തെ പ്രകടമായി പ്രകാശിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: The second item of the demand I move for is Rs. 900 for opening a special survey class in Trivandrum. The Land Revenue Commissioner included this item when he prepared this year's budget for his department ; but the Government then thought that this was not very urgent and therefore ordered that the provision therefor should be deleted from the budget

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of the present financial stringency. The Land Revenue Commissioner subsequently pressed the matter before Government and said that the training of some Tahsildars and some Magistrates in survey, was urgently necessary and could not be put off to the next year. There are 5 Acting Tahsildars and 8 Magistrates who have not had survey training. As the House is aware, revenue administration cannot be satisfactorily carried on if the subordinates of the Revenue Department are not trained in survey especially the Tahsildars.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Was not that point kept in view when the budget for the year was prepared ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: I have already stated that it was the Government that ordered that this might wait.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: What I want to know is whether, at the time when the budget was framed, the point that revenue administration cannot be satisfactorily carried on unless the revenue subordinates are trained in survey, was not considered by Government?

President: It was then imagined that this was one of the convenient items which could be eliminated as not being urgent.

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: The Land Revenue Commissioner has now reported to Government that a survey class should be opened immediately for the training of the Acting Tahsildars and Magistrates.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Besides Tahsildars and Magistrates, how many students will be admitted to this class?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: On the whole, there will be between 12 and 14 students in the class.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Excluding Tahsildars?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: No ; that is the total number.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Among those who are neither Tahsildars nor Magistrates, may I know whether preference, in the matter of admission to this class, will be given to members of the Survey Department working in its technical branch ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: I do not think there is any necessity for training members of the Survey Department.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Does the member know that there are men working in the technical branch of the Survey Department who have not had survey training ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: But the class now proposed to be started is intended only for the training of acting Tahsildars and some Magistrates and a few other Revenue subordinates.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I ask whether, in British India, men working in the Survey Department are not given preference in the matter of survey training ?

President: That question does not arise. There are ever so many things in British India which are worthy of being copied.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know whether private individuals are admitted to this class ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: No.

President: This class is intended for a limited purpose ; is that what the Secretary says ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: Yes, Sir.

The demand was then put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: It has been decided that the wall maps of Travancore are to be printed and mounted by the Survey Department. Though this expenditure properly should go to the Education Department, since this expenditure has to be incurred by the Survey Department, I have to move this for the consideration of the House under the Land Revenue Demand.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know from the member why it has been decided that the printing should now be done by the Survey Department ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: Because the maps produced by the Survey Department are reported to be superior to those available in the market.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Is it the member's opinion that the maps hitherto supplied by the Education Department are not correct ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: Not quite so good as those printed in the Government Press, that is the opinion of the Educationists.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether there is litho colour printing press in the Survey Department? If not, whether Government propose these maps to be printed in private presses?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: I understand that there is no such colour printing press in the Survey Department.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: If there is no colour printing press in the Survey Department, through which agency do Government propose to have these maps printed?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: Government propose to get this done through the agency of the Arts Printing Works, Trivandrum.

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Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: The colouring, I think, will be done by the Survey Department?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: Yes, after printing.

Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon: സർവ്വെഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും മുദ്രപ്പുകൾ സൌജന്യമായിട്ടാണൊ എഡ്യുക്കേഷൻഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനു കൊടുക്കുന്നത്?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: അല്ല.

Mr. R. M. Statham: It is this that made the Government to have these maps prepared by the Survey Department. About five years ago, Government said that the question of preparing wall maps may be entrusted to private agencies and asked to select the best maps out of those submitted for approval by the several firms and publishers. They decided, out of these, that one particular publisher's maps were the best and accordingly that monopoly was being given to that publisher. The time has now come for Government that they themselves would prepare their own maps through the Survey Department. There have been, of long, much controversy that the monopoly for the supply of these maps for the Vernacular Schools is in the hands of one particular individual. The Government after careful consideration of the whole position have arrived at a decision now that the maps prepared by the Survey Department will ensure more correctness and accuracy and will be better than that supplied by private agencies, and therefore the Survey Department has been asked to prepare the maps which will be sold hereafter to the departmental and aided schools.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know whether Government have issued any instructions to the Inspectors of Vernacular Schools that the maps printed by Mr. Brahmanayakam Pillai should be taken by the department?

Mr. R. M. Statham: Government have instructed.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: I have just said in the course of my speech that, in 1931, Government decided that the wall maps prepared and published by the gentleman, I referred to, should alone be taken up by the department. I want to know whether any of his maps has been taken by the department?

Mr. R. M. Statham: Yes, a large number.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know why Government prescribed that map alone when there were two other maps?

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Mr. R. M. Statham: The Government asked the members of the Education Department to consider which is the best of all the maps and after consultation with the Survey Department it was recommended that the maps published by that gentleman is the best.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Were those maps purchased after that recommendation was made?

Mr. R. M. Statham: Yes, they were purchased only very recently.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: I understand from the member that, because of the mere fact that the maps are printed in the Survey Department, they may be better and correct or that the maps should be correct. Can the fact that it is printed in the Survey Department will add to the correctness of the map? Or will the correctness of the map be also vouchsafed and ensured in point of approval if the map is properly made?

Mr. R. M. Statham: It is rather a long question.

President: I have not followed it myself.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: What I say is that the correctness and accuracy of the map can be vouchsafed and ensured only if it is printed in the Survey Department by the Survey Office employees; or the correctness and accuracy can be ensured and vouchsafed if a draft map is approved by the Technical Department, and the printed maps are in conformity with the draft map?

Mr. R. M. Statham: It seems to me, Sir, that both the ways are possible. It is directly that Government took the necessary steps to prepare these maps and prescribe for use in the schools. It is also Government that took the necessary steps, through the Survey Department, to see that the map is printed and supplied to the Education Department. The position was, as already explained, there is a certain trouble about the monopoly which has been given to one particular person and also the maps were rather highly priced. It was Rs. 7.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know who fixed the price for the maps? Was it the Government or the publisher?

Mr. R. M. Statham: The publisher wanted a certain price and the Government agreed to a certain price. Anyhow the maps were issued. Now the question, whether Government should purchase the maps from private publishers or they themselves should undertake the work, having been carefully considered, Government

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thought that it would be better to do the work through the Survey Department in consultation with the Education Department in preparing a new map which would be to the better benefit of the schools.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Sir, as a member of the Commerce and Industry Constituency, I am afraid, I will be failing in my duty, if I do not oppose this grant. Sir, as has been observed by the Dewan yesterday the policy of Government is that Government should ordinarily devote to a policy of industrial and economic development of the State. And the policy of a civilised Government is to afford all protection to industry, to encourage it by giving State aid and also to help private enterprises. These maps, so far as we have been able to understand from the Director, have been published by a private enterprise and the Director assured us that the best map was prescribed. Now the Director has not given us any reason whatsoever why Government decided that these maps should be printed by the Survey Department.

Mr. R. M. Statham : I gave the reason that it would be to the better benefit of the school.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : The reason given by Mr. Statham was not at all convincing.

President : Not that he did not give an answer, but that it did not convince you.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: The first reason that he said, if I heard him correctly, was that the Government decided to print these maps through the Survey Department, because they did not wish to give the monopoly to one particular individual. After all, I do not think that the Government gave the monopoly to anybody in purchasing these maps. Because all that the Government desire is that they want always an accurate and correct map. The fact that one man alone, of all, was able to prepare an accurate and correct map and that therefore he got orders for the supply of maps is not reason enough to think that it is a monopoly granted to him.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know from the member the name of that particular publisher ?

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : I do not know how far that is relevant to the point at issue. If the member is very particular of knowing the name, I shall let him know later on.

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Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: Sir, the same member referred the map question to the consideration of the Public Accounts Committee. I wish to know whether he is referring to the very same Brahmanayakam Pillai?

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: At any rate, yes.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know from the member whether he brought this particular matter to the consideration of the Public Accounts Committee?

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: I have brought it to the consideration of the Public Accounts Committee and all those places where I could take up this question.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know from the member whether Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan has not been examined on this particular issue?

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: All that the member is aware of, I am also aware of.

Sir, to continue from where I left, I forget the point at which I stopped ...

President: Congratulations!

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: The question of monopoly has been stated by Mr. Statham. Why should the maps be printed by the Survey Department? And now two questions are raised. One is that the maps should be printed by the Survey Department. Another question was that the maps that were supplied to the Education Department must be accurate and correct. And the mere fact that it is going to be printed by the Survey Department does not, in my opinion, ensure the result that it is correct and accurate. If the draft map approved by the Education Department or Government is a correct one and if the map sent up to the Survey Department is without mistakes, then all the other maps printed by that department according to the draft may be accurate I therefore submit that the argument that it is going to be accurate, it is going to be correct, only and only if it is printed in the Survey School, cannot hold water at all.

Sir, in these days of unemployment and especially after hearing the Dewan's address, I am indeed very much surprised that this printing of maps should now be taken away from a private enterprise and entrusted to a departmental agency. The question came up for

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the consideration of the Government years ago, from the time of Dewan Mr. Raghaviah, your predecessor, Sir. If I remember correct and if I am not committing any breach of secret, one Dewan told me definitely when he passed orders on the file, that this particular question of printing maps should not be taken up from private agencies and should not be done by departmental agencies. So far as the map is concerned all that we desire is that it should be accurate and correct. Therefore the question that the map that is printed by the Survey Department and Survey Department alone will be correct is not a sound one. Again with regard to the supplementary grant, these maps have been purchased in 1107, 1108 and 1109 and the funds for purchasing these maps have been provided in the Education budget. Why then, I ask, this demand now. These maps can be printed and handed over to the Education Department who must pay for the map, as they now do in the case of purchasing the same from the private agencies. On that account also, I do not think this grant is necessary. At any rate that is a minor question.

As I began, as a representative of the Commerce and Industry Constitutency, I will be failing in my duty if I do not oppose this grant which is intended to kill the industry of map production in Travancore.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Sir, I support the demand. My friend, the representative for Commerce and Industry Constituency, need not have opposed it as a representative of that constituency. The major question that we have to consider now is price. The proposal of the Government is to print maps and not to impose something like our excise duty on maps. So long sa the Government can give cheaper and better maps to school children, I would certainly support the demand.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: For the reasons adduced by Mr. Balakrishnan Tampi, I withdraw my opposition.

The demand was then put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XI—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 75 for the appointment of a full-time copyist on Rs. 15 per mensem in the Village Panchayat Court, Attingal, from the 1st Kumbham 1110.

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